

**MERCER COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**January 7, 2020**

**Board convened at 6:33 p.m.**

**Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call showed the following members present: Board Members Flowers, Frieden, Gregg, Hare, Hawn, Koepke, Nelson, Moreland, and Sarabasa were present. Board Member DeFrieze was absent. There was a quorum present. Also present were Kyle McEwen, Laurie Epperly, Ryan Latko, Robert Springer, Jennifer Hamerlinck, Jan Occhi, Kirk Doonan, Cala Smoldt, John Hoscheidt, Dusty Terrill, Teresa Smith, Kristin Relander, Bev Lower, Mary McClellan, Matt Voigts, Ron Fullerlove, and Sara Blaser.**

**There was no public comment.**

**Kyle McEwen from Mercer County Better Together (MCBT) was present to inform the Board of the different areas MCBT has assisted with throughout the county in 2019. Several members of the MCBT Board were also present (Epperly, Doonan, Occhi, Springer, Latko, and Hamerlinck) to give input. Kyle extended an invitation to the Board Members to attend a MCBT meeting. MCBT also presented the Board with a resolution requesting a donation of \$1.00 from the County Board as a symbolic gesture of support and cooperation. No action was taken on the resolution at this time.**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended made by Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by vote of the Board.**

**Motion to approve claims by Board Member Frieden seconded by Board Member Moreland was approved by roll call vote of the Board – 9 ayes, 0 nays. The claims presented for payment on January 15, 2020 are as follows: General Corporate \$39,235.79, Public Health \$23,319.57, Veterans/Bogardus \$67.46, Community Mental Health \$13,250.00, County Highway \$35,521.31, Federal Aid Matching \$9,715.14, Township Motor Fuel \$53,055.37, Motor Fuel \$6,112.45, Township Bridge \$34,782.75, Animal Control \$420.02, Pet Population \$1,846.73, AC – Building Fund \$41.60, Law Library \$1,115.94, Liability Insurance \$176,376.13, Probation Fees \$1,559.97, Circuit Clerk Document Storage \$878.75, Drug Crime Lab \$93.85, Assessor GIS \$3,215.21, GIS Clerk \$276.32 for a total of \$400,884.36.**

**In other business, Ron Fullerlove stated that he is still researching time tracking software. He stated that he and Monte Schell (PBC) met with Estes Construction at the jail annex for a feasibility study on 12/13/19. Estes Construction will have the results of the feasibility study back to Ron and Monte by mid-January and Ron will forward same to Judge Fuhr so he can make a final decision regarding the courthouse. Ron reiterated the Chief Judge's statement that if any court services are going to move to different location, they all have to move.**

**Motion to enter closed session by Chairman Sarabasa seconded by Board Member Gregg was approved by vote of the Board. Board entered closed session at 7:01 p.m.**

**Board re-entered open session at 7:38 p.m.**

**Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. by Board Member Hare seconded by Board Member Hawn was approved by vote of the Board at 7:38 p.m.**